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SUBJECT: W/W FRANK GOULD

REF: CEBU 28; STATE 093151

1. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION (BEGINNING PARA 3) RECEIVED BY DEPT IN FORM OF FACT SHEET COMPILED BY MARIS GOULD, SISTER OF MISSING AMCIT FRANK GOULD. FACT SHEET BEING POUCHED IN ITS ENTIRETY . THERE IS MOUNTING CONGRESSIONAL AND PRESS INTEREST THIS CASE. IN VIEW OF CIRCUMSTANCES INVOLVED AND SOME SIMILARITY WITH STEVEKEN CASE, CONOFF REQUESTED CONTACT PERSONS MENTIONED FOR CLARIFICATION AND ADDITIONAL INFO., ESPECIALLY PAUL VAN BUREN PLANNING RETURN U.S. JUNE 30.

2. DEPT HAS RECENTLY RECEIVED ADVERSE CRITICISM IN PRESS CONCERNING ALLEGED LACK OF CONCERN, INEFFICIENCY AND INEFFECTIVE SEARCH, AND FAILURE TO NOTIFY FAMILIES IN CASE OF TWO MISSING, PRESUMED DEAD AMCITS LOST ON TREK IN AFRICA.
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IN ORDER TO OBIATE SUCH CLAIMS IN THIS CASE AND TO ASSIST

DEPT IN BEING COMPLETELY RESPONSIVE TO FAMILY, CONGRESSIO-
NAL INTEREST AND PRESS, PLEASE PROVIDE FULLEST POSSIBLE
REPORT ACTION TAKEN BY EMB AND CONSULATE IN OBTAINING
ASSISTANCE FROM PHILIPPINE AUTHORITIES IN SEARCH FOR

FRANK GOULD. ALL ACTION SHOULD BE FULLY DOCUMENTED AND
REPORTED TO DEPT. TELEGRAPHICALLY.

3. ACCORDING TO PAUL VAN BUREN, AGRICULTURAL MISSIONARY
WORKING UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, N. COTABATO, SUBJ. LEFT
VAN BUREN'S HOME IN N. COTABATO 9/26/74. SUBJ WENT UP
KABACAN RIVER IN SPEEDBOAT INTO REBEL AREA KNOWN AS
SIMONI AT BOUNDARY OF BUKIDON AND N. COTABATO PROVINCE.
SUBJ REMAINED THIS AREA ONLY THREE HOURS THEN RETURNED
TO POINT AT WHICH HE HAD DEPARTED BY BOAT. SHORTLY AFTER
RETURNING, SUBJ HAD CHICKEN DINNER WITH MUSLIM WHO IS SON
OF FORMER GOVERNOR, DATU UTOG MATALAM. HE THEN PROCEEDED
TO DAVAO CITY WHERE HE TRIED UNSUCCESSFULLY INTERVIEW
ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIEST, FATHER MONTENEGRO. FATHER
MONTENEGRO CLAIMS TO HAVE SEEN SUBJECT AFTER HE LEFT
VAN BUREN'S HOME 9/26.

4. ACCORDING TO FAMILY, LETTER WRITTEN MAY 16 TO SUBJECT'S
PARENTS FROM FIDEL V. RAMOS, MAJ. GEN. AFP, CHIEF OF
CONSTABULARY GAVE INFO THAT MR. LORENZO J. CRUZ, DIRECTOR
OF BUREAU OF NATIONAL AND FOREIGN INFORMATION (MANILA)
WROTE SECRETARY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE REQUESTING INFO
CLARIFICATION OF APRIL 4 FAR EASTERN ECONOMIC REVIEW
ARTICLE CONCERNING FRANK GOULD AND PAUL STEVEKEN. RAMOS
SAID SUBJ WAS LAST SEEN UNGUS MATATA, TANDUBUS, TAWI-TAWI
COVERING ACTIVITIES OF SURRENDERED MUSLIM REBEL QUOTE ROXAS
SALI UNQUOTE. NO DATE GIVEN THIS OCCURRENCE.

5. IN SUBJECT'S LAST LETTER TO PARENT WRITTEN 8/11/74
ZAMBOANGA CITY HE STATED THAT NEXT DAY HE WAS TO HAVE AP-
POINTMENT WITH AN ADMIRAL (NUK) RE: ATTEMPT OF THE COLONEL
IN CHARGE OF INTELLIGENCE TO EXPELL HIM FROM PROVINCE.
OFFICER IN CHARGE OF MUSLIM AFFAIRS WAS BACKING SUBJECT AND
HE HAD AUTHORIZATION OF PRES. MARCOS' PRESS SECRETARY SO
DID NOT EXPECT ANY TROUBLE. STATED HE HAD 20,000 WORDS
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OF NOTES, AND THERE WAS NO QUESTION THAT HE WOULD SOON
HAVE ENOUGH FOR BOOK HE INTENDED TO WRITE.

6. ACCORDING TO FAMILY, FOLLOWING ARE POSSIBLE PLACES
SUBJECT MAY HAVE GONE AFTER HE LEFT DAVAO CITY: ACCORDING
TO PAUL VAN BUREN, REV. LAVERNE MERCADE, EXEC. SECY OF
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN PHILIPPINES RECEIVED REPORT
THAT QUOTE MAYBE UNQUOTE SUBJECT HAD BEEN CAUGHT IN CROSS

FIRE IN OTHER PARTS OF PHILIPPINES. THIS IS ALSO RUMOR
AROUND ZAMBOANGA CITY. JOSEPH LELYVELD, CORRESPONDENT FOR
NY TIMES WROTE SUBJECT'S MOTHER 4/28/75 THAT HE MET SEVERAL
PEOPLE IN TOWN OF PIKIT AND LATER IN COTABATO CITY WHO
HAD SEEN SUBJ IN SEPT OR OCTOBER (THEY UNCERTAIN ABOUT

DATES). LELYVELD ACCORDING TO MEMORY WAS FAIRLY CERTAIN
THAT HE HAD BEEN TOLD THAT SUBJ WAS PLANNING FLY TO
ZAMBOANGA CITY TO GET TO BASILAN ALTHOUGH HE SAID THAT
PANAY MAY HAVE BEEN SUBJ'S DESTINATION.

7. SENATORS HART, PERCY, BAYH AND JOHNSTON INTERESTED. KISSINGER

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